

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (cancelled)

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2. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 4 [[1]],

wherein said removable data storage media is a writable optical disc.

3. (cancelled)

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4. (currently amended) ~~The method as recited in Claim 3A~~ method for use with a unitary device, the method comprising:  
with a unitary device comprising therein logic, a user interface, a scanning mechanism, a communication interface, and a removable data storage mechanism,  
5 wherein said logic is operatively coupled to said user interface to receive an inputted recipient electronic mail address, to said scanning mechanism to receive at least scanned object data obtained by optically scanning an object, to said communication interface to send an electronic mail message that includes at least a portion of said scanned object data to a remote device associated with said recipient electronic mail  
10 address, and to said removable data storage mechanism to access therethrough a removable data storage media when present:  
receiving a removable data storage media in said removable data storage mechanism;  
selectively operatively coupling said removable data storage media to  
15 said logic ; and  
storing at least an archival copy of at least said electronic mail message data sent via the communication interface on said removable data storage media, and wherein said scanned object data further includes a plurality of different versions of said scanned object data, said plurality of different versions of said scanned object  
20 data includes a first resolution version and a second resolution version, said second resolution version having a lower level of resolution than said first resolution version.
5. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 4,  
wherein said portion of said scanned object data includes said second resolution  
25 version .

6. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein said portion of said scanned object data includes said first resolution version .

7. (currently amended) ~~The method as recited in Claim 3;~~ A method for  
5 use with a unitary device, the method comprising:

with a unitary device comprising therein logic, a user interface, a scanning  
mechanism, a communication interface, and a removable data storage mechanism,  
wherein said logic is operatively coupled to said user interface to receive an inputted  
recipient electronic mail address, to said scanning mechanism to receive at least  
10 scanned object data obtained by optically scanning an object, to said communication  
interface to send an electronic mail message that includes at least a portion of said  
scanned object data to a remote device associated with said recipient electronic mail  
address, and to said removable data storage mechanism to access therethrough a  
removable data storage media when present:

15 receiving a removable data storage media in said removable data  
storage mechanism;

selectively operatively coupling said removable data storage media to  
said logic ; and

storing at least an archival copy of at least said electronic mail message data  
20 sent via the communication interface on said removable data storage media, and  
wherein said scanned object data further includes a plurality of different versions of  
said scanned object data, said plurality of different versions of said scanned object  
data includes a first version and a second version, said second version being a data  
compressed version of said first version.

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8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein storing an archival copy of said at least the electronic mail message data sent via the communication interface on said removable data storage media further includes:

5 storing at least two of said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data .

10. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein said electronic mail message data further includes at least one type of data  
10 selected from a group of types of data comprising timestamp data, authentication related data, device identifying data, control data, text data, graphics data, and image data.

11. (cancelled)

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12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) ~~The unitary device as recited in Claim 12, A~~  
unitary device comprising:

a data storage mechanism configurable to access a removable data storage  
media,

5 an optical scanning mechanism configurable to optically scan at least one  
object and produce corresponding scanned object data,

a communication interface configurable to operatively connect to at least one  
other device over at least one network,

a user interface configurable to receive user inputs, and

10 logic operatively coupled to said data storage mechanism, said optical  
scanning mechanism, said communication interface, and said user interface, wherein  
said logic is configured to combine recipient electronic mail address data received  
through said user interface with at least a portion of said scanned object data to form  
electronic mail message data that is then output by said communication interface, and  
15 wherein said logic is further configured to selectively archive at least a portion of said  
electronic mail message data by providing said portion of said electronic mail  
message to said data storage mechanism for storage on said removable data storage  
device, and wherein said scanned object data further includes a plurality of different  
versions of said scanned object data, said plurality of different versions of said  
20 scanned object data includes a first resolution version and a second resolution version,  
said second resolution version having a lower level of resolution than said first  
resolution version.

14. (previously presented) The unitary device as recited in Claim  
25 13, wherein said logic is configured to include said second resolution version within  
said electronic mail message data that is output by said communication interface.

15. (previously presented) The unitary device as recited in Claim 13, wherein said logic is configured to include said first resolution version within said portion of said electronic mail message data that is stored by said data storage mechanism .

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16. (currently amended) ~~The unitary device as recited in Claim 12, A~~  
unitary device comprising:

a data storage mechanism configurable to access a removable data storage media,

10 an optical scanning mechanism configurable to optically scan at least one object and produce corresponding scanned object data,

a communication interface configurable to operatively connect to at least one other device over at least one network,

a user interface configurable to receive user inputs, and

15 logic operatively coupled to said data storage mechanism, said optical scanning mechanism, said communication interface, and said user interface, wherein said logic is configured to combine recipient electronic mail address data received through said user interface with at least a portion of said scanned object data to form electronic mail message data that is then output by said communication interface, and  
20 wherein said logic is further configured to selectively archive at least a portion of said electronic mail message data by providing said portion of said electronic mail message to said data storage mechanism for storage on said removable data storage device, and wherein said scanned object data further includes a plurality of different versions of said scanned object data, said plurality of different versions of said  
25 scanned object data includes a first version and a second version, said second version being a data compressed version of said first version.

17. (previously presented) The unitary device as recited in Claim 16, wherein said logic is configured to include said second version within said electronic mail message data that is output by said communication interface.

5 18. (previously presented) The unitary device as recited in Claim 16, wherein said logic is configured to include said first version within said portion of said electronic mail message data that is stored by said data storage mechanism .

10 19. (currently amended) The unitary device as recited in Claim 13 ~~11~~, wherein said electronic mail message data further includes at least one type of data selected from a group of types of data comprising timestamp data, authentication related data, device identifying data, control data, text data, graphics data, and image data.

15 20. (currently amended) The unitary device as recited in Claim 13 ~~11~~, further comprising:

a printer mechanism operatively coupled to said logic , and wherein said logic is further configured to cause said printing mechanism to print out at least a portion of said electronic mail message data.

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21. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 4 ~~[[1]]~~, further comprising:

causing said logic to verify that access permission exists prior to storing at least said electronic mail message data on said removable data storage media based on  
25 inputted data received via said user interface.

--22. (new) The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein said removable data storage media is a writable optical disc.

23. (new) The method as recited in Claim 7, further comprising:  
5 causing said logic to verify that access permission exists prior to storing at least said electronic mail message data on said removable data storage media based on inputted data received via said user interface.

24. (new) The unitary device as recited in Claim 16, further  
10 comprising:  
a printer mechanism operatively coupled to said logic, and wherein said logic is further configured to cause said printing mechanism to print out at least a portion of said electronic mail message data. —

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